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This concludes the 14th Vertebrate Pest Conference. Before my closing remarks, let us acknowledge the excellent job done by our session chairpersons and speakers.

For your information, we had 345 people registered at the conference, representing 37 states and 11 other countries.

I first attended the Vertebrate Pest Conference some 14 years ago at the 7th Conference. At that time I was impressed with the breadth of subjects presented, the international scope, the professional exchange of information, and the opportunity to meet noted experts in vertebrate pest control. Since that meeting, I have always looked forward to the next conference and have never been disappointed with its educational value. The 14th Conference has maintained this commitment to excellence as we heard about development of new techniques and materials, improvements in application of old methods, and the latest updates on management and environmental issues and regulatory actions. I am especially encouraged by the participation in the conference by new, young scientists in addition to the continued participation by recognized experts, leaders, and even legends in the field of vertebrate pest control. As we enter the 1990s, I foresee exciting and challenging times ahead for those of us involved in this field.

As we close this conference, I would like to recognize the efforts of those individuals who made this conference possible.

A special thanks to Lew Davis, Chairperson of the 14th Conference, for his leadership in making this a success; Charlie Crabb and Terry Salmon for co-chairing the outstanding program, Wendy Fitzgerald for handling the arrangements and the frustrations associated with that job, Bob Schmidt for publicity, Rex Baker and his students for the excellent equipment and educational display, and Paul Gorenzel for the field trip, which provided an overview of urban and special wildlife problems in the Sacramento area. Special thanks goes to Sydni Gillette, Dorothy Beadle, and Lynn McCall for their dedication and patience in handling all the registration details.

Thanks also goes to those many individuals who work behind the scenes in operating our projectors and lights, especially students and personnel from UC Davis, California Department of Food and Agriculture, and APHIS-ADC.

The next conference will be held in Newport Beach, California, the first week in March, 1992. Newport Beach is in southern California midway between Los Angeles and San Diego and near such attractions as Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, the Queen Mary, Spruce Goose, and Universal Studios.

If you have any comments on how we are doing or suggestions on what can be improved, please let us know.

On behalf of the Council, I thank you for your participation and have a safe trip home.

